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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**JUNE 10, 2005**  
**SPECIAL SESSION**

**Call to Order**

The Board convened in open session at 3:05 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Belmont Town Hall. All members were present.

**Questions from Town Residents**

Town Meeting Member John Owens addressed the planned repairs to the Vigliolo Rink. He researched the pros and cons of adopting a sand versus concrete floor solution for the rink and was satisfied that a sand floor would work just as well although laying the ice down is more complicated on sand. Mr. Owens strongly encouraged the Selectmen to consider professional management of the Rink.

The Board of Selectmen moved to sign the employment contract with Mr. Ron Lunt who has been hired to be the new Municipal Light Department General Manager.

The Board moved: to execute the contract with Mr. Ron Lunt to be General Manager of the Electric Light department.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed the execution of a License Agreement for the benefit of new owners of 200 Beech Street. This license would allow the new owners to drive over a strip of town-owned land to get to the parking area at the rear of the property. In March 2004, the Board granted a very similar license to the present owner who is now selling the property. Selectman Firenze asked whether the Town charged anything for this license. Currently, the Town does not. Selectman Brownsberger explained that there are similar arrangements with other residents and he believes that before the Board charges anything in this kind of situation, it should look at all properties affected.

The Board moved: to grant the license to the new owners of 200 Beech Street in the form approved by Town Counsel Judith Cutler, and to execute said license upon receipt of evidence that the new owners have taken title to the property, provided that the new owners provide such evidence within thirty (30) days hereof.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed a request from a resident for a current list of sidewalk reconstruction or repaving projects. There was general agreement that this information and the list of street paving projects should be made available on the Town's website.

The Selectmen talked about the proclamation honoring Tim McCarthy's many years of service to the Town in the Electric Light Department. They also discussed and scheduled a going away party open to the general public for Mr. McCarthy on June 30 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Chairman Solomon updated the Board on the work of the ESCO Committee.

The Board then discussed a process to be adopted for the filling of the Town Planner's position. Chairman Solomon noted the receipt of a letter from the Belmont League of Women Voters encouraging an open selection process in replacing the recently departed Town Planner. At the conclusion of their discussion, members were leaning away from a search committee which would be too cumbersome.

Selectman Firenze reported that the School Committee had reached agreement with Unit A for a two (2) year contract.

The Selectmen also talked about a problem with a Channing Road resident using barrels to save a parking space in front of his house. The matter has been referred to the Police Department.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed its sections of the Board's presentation on financial planning to the June 13 Special Town Meeting. Selectman Brownsberger has some minor changes to make to the presentation and will finalize it before Monday.

The Board adjourned its special session at 3:45 p.m.

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Thomas G. Younger  
Town Administrator